

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shinji SHIMOSAKI

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For: METHOD OF PURIFYING METAL SALT, AND DEOXIDIZING METHOD AND
PRODUCTION METHOD OF TITANIUM MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 28, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend
the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.

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Remarks are submitted on page 6.

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